(2) (*a*) There is no definite information.

(*b*) No representations have been received by the Chief Conservator. A representation on the subject has been received by Government from Mr. Karant. The question of continuing the existing concessions is now under consideration of Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"With reference to the answer to clause (2) (*a*) Government say: 'There is no definite information.' May I know whether inquiry was made before they gave this reply? And if so, what inquiry?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Yes, Sir, inquiries were made. The Chief Conservator was asked to make a search of the records in his office: and this is the result of his search, namely, there is no information."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know whether any public inquiry was made in this connexion?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"In all probability the Chief Conservator has not made any public inquiry."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"Then may I suggest to the hon. the Law Member to make a public inquiry?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"It is not a supplementary question."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"With reference to the answer to clause (2) (*b*) may I know what are the grievances Mr. Karant has complained of and what are his suggestions for the same?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"His suggestion is that these concessions should be made in future years also. There is no other complaint put forward by Mr. Karant."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know whether Government have decided to extend these concessions?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"That is exactly the matter which is under the consideration of the Government."

Loans

Grant of takavi loans in the Ceded districts.

*1444 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether within the last ten years the Government have been pleased to advance under the powers vested in them takavi loans at concession rates to the ryots in each of the Ceded districts where they have more or less continuously suffered from scarcity of rainfall and famine; and if so, how much and when?

A.—The Government have not sanctioned any such loans.

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—"May I know why Government have not given these concession rates to the ryots, even though there is no rule empowering them to do so?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I must ask for notice."

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Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—"I want to know, Sir, why Government have not sanctioned any takavi loans to the ryots at concession rates?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"The question relates to a period extending over ten years past and I must ask for notice before I can give the answer."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"May I know whether no occasion arose during the last ten years in Bellary district to grant these loans at concession rates?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I must ask for notice. I do not know whether the grant of the concession was ever suggested to Government."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—"May I know whether when the whole matter that is at present engaging the attention of the Government is decided, the Government propose to apply this rule?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"The question of giving concessions now in respect of loans issued in recent years has been under the consideration of the Government for some time past, and orders will be issued shortly."

Panchayat Forests

Facilities for drinking water for the cattle grazing in Chilakanahatti Panchayat Forest.

*1445 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are not facilities for drinking water for the cattle permitted to graze in the Panchayat Forest of Chilakanahatti, Hospet taluk, Bellary district ; and

(b) whether the owners of cattle are now taking out a second permit for their cattle to go to the adjoining Government reserves to drink water?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

Public Service Commission

Extent of appointments made by the Madras Services Commission. 11-15 a.m.

*1446 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the several departments of the services that will be placed within the scope of the Madras Services Commission with the classes and grades of appointment in each department ; and

(b) what are the departments that will be excluded from its scope and on what grounds?